

Washington, DC - Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, as Ranking Member of the House Agriculture Committee' Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry Subcommittee, will tomorrow help lead a congressional hearing examining obesity in the United States, including childhood obesity and nutrition matters.

“Obesity, particularly among children, contributes to many major health concerns nationwide,” Fortenberry said. “Good nutrition, including a diet of fresh, locally-raised foods, is a winning solution for good health, sustainable agriculture, and strong local economies. I intend to fully examine these issues as part of tomorrow' hearing.”

The hearing, beginning tomorrow at 9 am central time, can be viewed live at the House Agriculture Committee' website, <http://agriculture.house.gov/hearings/audio.html> . Any media inquiries regarding local impact should be directed to Fortenberry' Lincoln office at the phone number above.

**Thurs., March 26th – (10:00 a.m. eastern time; 9:00 am central)**  
**Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry Public Hearing**  
**1300 Longworth House Office Building**  
**RE: To review the state of obesity in the United States.**

**Panelists:**

William Dietz, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity Prevention, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Washington, D.C.

Anne M. Wolf, R.D., M.S., Research Instructor, University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, Virginia

Richard S. Hamburg, Director of Government Relations, Trust for America' Health, Washington, D.C.

Martin M. Yadrick, M.S., M.B.A., R.D., F.A.D.A., President, American Dietetic Association, Washington, D.C.

Donna Mazyck, R.N., M.S., N.C.S.N., President of the Board, National Association for School Nurses, Silver Spring, Maryland

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